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1. SUMMARY. AMIDST CONTINUED RUMORS OF IMPENDING MILITARY COUP, POLITICIANS ON BOTH SIDES ARE MAKING INCREASINGLY MILITANT STATEMENTS. MOST MERCHANTS, PROFESSIONAL, AND TECHNICAL GUILDS ARE NOW ON STRIKE, AND NEW SERIES OF OPPOSITION STREET RALLIES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR THIS WEEK. SCATTERED AND SPORADIC VIOLENCE CONTINUES. PRO-GOVT RADIO ANNOUNCING POSSIBLE ALLENDE SPEECH TONIGHT. END SUMMARY.

2. SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) SECGEN CARLOS ALTAMIRANO ACKNOWLEDGED DURING RINGING SPEECH AT SEPT 9 PS RALLY THAT HE HAD INDEED MET WITH SAILORS CHARGED IN "SUBVERSION" PLOT, BUT CLAIMED MEETING WAS HELD AT THEIR REQUEST SO THEY COULD INFORM HIM OF COUP PLANS OF RIGHTIST OFFICERS. ALTAMIRANO LABELED OUSTER OF LEFTISTS FROM
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TV 9 (SEPTEL) A DEFEAT FOR THE PEOPLE, DESCRIBED MILITARY ARMS

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SEARCHES AS "PROVOCATIONS," FLATLY REJECTED ANY KIND OF DIALOGUE WITH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (PDC) OR ANY OTHER OPPOSITION ELEMENT, AND BLAMED UNITED STATES FOR FOMENTING CIVIL WAR IN CHILE. HE WARNED THAT PS WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ALLENDE GOVT ONLY SO LONG AS IT CONTINUES TO ADHERE TO UP PROGRAM, I.E. CONTINUED ROAD TO SOCIALISM WHICH ACCORDING TO ALTAMIRANO INCLUDES AS FIRST POINT DEVELOPMENT OF "PEOPLES POWER" ORGANIZATIONS. ALTAMIRANO WAS FREQUENTLY INTERRUPTED BY SHOUTS OF CHILEAN EUIVALENT OF "SOCK IT TO 'EM" ("MANO DURA").

3. IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, COMMUNIST PARTY (PCCH) SPOKESMAN ORLANDO MILLAS TOLD RADIO AUDIENCE SEPT 8 THAT POSSIBILITY OF RIGHTIST COUP IS REAL, THEREBY FORCING ALL CHILEANS TO DECIDE WHERE THEY STAND. LABOR CONFEDERATION (CUT) ISSUED CALL FOR "TOTAL MOBILIZATION OF WORKERS" TO DEFEND GOVT AND APPEALED FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY FROM OTHER WORKERS ORGANIZATIONS. CUT ALSO DEMANDED THAT TORTURE CLAIMS OF NAVY ENLISTED MEN BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED. SENIOR UP POLITICAL LEADERS HELD LENGTHY MEETINGS OVER WEEKEND, BUT SPOKESMAN TERSELY ANNOUNCED THAT NO DECISIONS HAD BEEN MADE. UP MEDIA STRESSED ECUMENICAL PRAYER MEETING SEPT 9 IN DOWNTOWN SQUARE TO PRAY FOR PEACE, AND PUBLICIZED SOLIDARITY WITH CHILE STATEMENT ISSUED BY NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGERIA. COMMUNIST EL SIGLO EDITORIALIZED THAT NATIONAL PARTY (PN), BY ITS ACTIONS AND ITS STATEMENTS, IS "OUTSIDE OF THE LAW." EL SIGLO ALSO HIGHLIGHTED AN "ANTI-FASCIST CAMPAIGN" OF UP YOUTHS WHICH CONSISTED OF COLLECTING SIGNATURES ON A PETITION AGAINST CIVIL WAR.

4. PDC PROVINCIAL CHIEFS MET IN SANTIAGO, THEN ISSUED STATEMENT PROPOSING THAT ENTIRE CONGRESS AND ALLENDE RESIGN AND NEW ELECTIONS BE HELD. OPPOSITION PRESS NOTED "MILITANT" ATTITUDE OF LOCAL PDC LEADERS, WHILE UP PRESS SPECULATED THAT FORMER PARTY PRESIDENTS SUCH AS FUENTEALBA AND LEIGHTON DID NOT SHARE THESE VIEWS. GETTING IN ITS OWN DIGS, PDC LA PRENSA COMMENTED EXTENSIVELY ON "CRISIS IN UP" AS SHOWN BY INCONCLUSIVE MEETINGS AND ALTAMIRANO SPEECH. PDC ANNOUNCED MAJOR RALLY IN SANTIAGO FOR SEPT 13 BILLED AS SUPPORT FOR STRKING GUILDS AND FOR PDC WAGE READJUSTMENT PROPOSAL. OPPOSITION-CONTROLLED CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY STUDENT FEDERATION (FEUC) ANNOUNCED MIDDAY MARCH AROUND DOWNTOWN FOR SEPT 11 IN SCENARIO WHICH HAS GENERALLY LED TO SERIOUS
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STREETFIGHTING IN THE PAST. OPPOSITION GUILDS SPONSORED MAJOR DEMONSTRATIONS OVER WEEKEND IN CHILLAN, PUNTA ARENAS, ANTOFAGASTA, AND LOS ANGELES; SOME MINOR VIOLENCE FOLLOWED SEVERAL OF THESE. ANTI-GOVT ORGAINZATIONS MAINTAINED CONSTANT DRUMBEAT CALLING FOR ALLENDE'S "RECTIFICATION" OF GOVT POLICY OR RESIGNATION.

5. NEARLY ALL MAJOR WHITE-COLLAR, MERCHANT, AND PROFESSIONAL GUILDS ARE NOW ON STRIKE, MOST ON AN INDEFINITE BASIS. STILL

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LITTLE BLUE-COLLAR SUPPORT. NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSN. MEMBERSHIP REPUDIATED AGREEMENT REACHED WITH GOVT SEPT 6, OUSTED OFFICERS WHO SIGNED AGREEMENT, AND ELECTED NEW GROUP WHO PLEDGED TO CARRY ON STRIKE. IN STATEMENT, NEW OFFICERS SAID NARROW INTERESTS OF DOCTORS ARE NOW SECONDARY TO DISASTROUS OVERALL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION. UP SPOKESMEN SEIZED ON INCIDENT TO PROVE, IF ANYONE HAD ANY LINGERING DOUBT, THAT WAVE OF STRIKES IS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. MERCHANTS LOUDLY PROTESTED DIRINCO ORDER TO STORES SELLING PRIME NECESSITIES TO OPEN; SO FAR NONE HAVE BEEN FORCIBLY OPENED. STRIKING LAN PILOTS TURNED THEIR AIRCRAFT OVER TO AIR FORCE TO GUARD. INTERNAL LAND AND AIR TRANSPORTATION HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY STRIKE.

6. SUMAR SHOOTING INCIDENT (REFTEL) WAS ROUNDLY CONDEMNED BY UP AND TRADE UNION SPOKESMEN, AND WAS SUBJECT OF ALLENDE MEETING WITH MILITARY CINCS. OFFICIAL AIR FORCE VERSION CLAIMED SEARCH OF NEARBY HOUSE WAS IN PROGRESS WHEN FACH UNITS WERE FIRED UPON FROM SUMAR, LEADING TO CLASH; STATEMENT ADDED THAT PRESENCE OF "A PARAMILITARY FORCE" IN FACTORY WAS EVIDENT. VARIOUS BOMBS EXPLODED IN SANTIAGO AND ELSEWHERE CAUSING MINOR DAMAGE. SEVERAL ADDITIONAL CLASHES IN BREADLINES, MOSTLY IN SANTIAGO, WERE REPORTED.

7. COMMENT. AS BULK OF PDC APPEARS TO BE MOVING RIGHTWARD, SO DO SEVERAL IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF ALLENDE-ANICETO RODRIGUEZ FACTION OF PS (E.G. DEP. CARMEN LAZO) SEEM TO BE MOVING LEFTWARD. PCCH ALSO APPEARS TO BE TAKING MORE MILITANT STAND IN PUBLIC WHICH MAY REFLECT THEIR EFFORTS TO HOLD UP TOGETHER.
ACCORDING TO MIDDAY NEWS BROADCAST
TODAY ON RADIO BALMACEDA (PDCL), PRES ALLENDE MEETING AT MOMENT WITH FULL CABINET AND THERE ARE REPORTS THAT ALL THREE ARMED FORCES HAVE DELIVERED VEILED WARNING TO ALLENDE THAT HE MUST RECTIFY POLICIES. RADIO PORTALES REPORTS THAT PRES ALLENDE WILL SPEAK ON
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RADIO TONIGHT, ALTHOUGH SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE PAST HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO SLIPPAGE.
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